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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DEMAND FILED ON HARRIS' TRAVELS**

Yesterday, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Office of Information Practices demanding Mayor Jeremy Harris disclose who paid for all of his numerous trips around the world this year.

“Although the Mayor has every right to travel, the public has a right to know who is financing Harris’ globetrotting and if those entities paying for Harris’ trips are trying to influence City business,” stated Councilmember Djou. “I am disappointed that the Mayor still refuses to release an accounting of his travel after my office made multiple written and oral requests for this information. It is unfortunate that a Freedom of Information Act demand must be filed against the Mayor to disclose what the public has a right to know about.”

Councilmember Djou filed written requests with the mayor’s office on September 1 and November 10 asking the Mayor disclose the financing of all of his trips in 2004, including travel to China, Sweden, Chile, Hong Kong, Saipan and Australia, as well as his trips to Vermont, Massachusetts, Indiana, Kansas, South Carolina, New York, and other locations around the world.

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